

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 4-6, and 8-10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended hereby. Claim 7 has been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of Claims 1 and 5-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Independent Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to address the issues raised in pages 11-18 of the Decision on Appeal. In particular, independent Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to delete the means-plus-function recitations therefrom.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claims 1 and 5, and the claims depending therefrom, are clear and definite in their recitation of the present invention, and meet all requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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